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1. On 28 January 1955 Senator Russell, as Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, designated himself as Chairman and Senators Byrd (D., Va.) and Saltonstall (R., Mass.) as members of a special subcommittee on CIA. On 3 February Senator Russell publicly announced this action, stating that a subcommittee had been keeping a close check upon the operations and activities of CIA in the past, but that this activity had not been publicized.

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3. Mr. Reynolds, AD/Personnel, and I talked with Mr. Gleason, Administrative Assistant to Sen. Knowland, about the case of [redacted]. We pointed out that [redacted] had taken certain steps, such as resigning his job and selling his furniture, following an alleged telephone call from a "Mr. Scott" who had called him from a [redacted] CIA phone. [redacted] had not met anyone here by the name of "Mr. Scott" and a search of our Personnel has failed to reveal such a person either [redacted]. Mr. Reynolds told Mr. Gleason that doubtless some enthusiastic CIA employee had erred in this matter, although we had been unable to fix the blame, but that [redacted] demand for \$1,681 (\$681 for out-of-pocket expenses and \$1,000 for embarrassment) could not be allowed in view of Comptroller General's decisions requiring a Government employee to bring himself to his first post of duty and the absence of any official notification to [redacted] of his appointment.

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